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WEDNESDAY *** February 7 -- Toots Shor's, 51 West 51st Street
Cocktails at 12 Noon ----- Luncheon at 12:30 PM SHARP
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IF YOU WERE THERE

by

HAL BOYLE

AP Columnist and War Correspondent

Late this week HAL BOYLE returned to the U.S. after eight months covering the Korean War. One of the veteran reporters of the Far Eastern conflict, BOYLE arrived in Korea last July. Since that time he has been where the fighting was heaviest and hottest. His dispatches have been universally acclaimed for their accuracy, clarity, sensitivity and human appeal. More than one of his colleagues has respectfully hailed him as journalistic heir to the late Ernie Pyle.

Now, in his first informal talk since his arrival in the States, HAL BOYLE will talk to Club Members about the things he saw, the people he met and the places he covered. Here is the HAL BOYLE most known only through his columns.

This "Welcome Home" Luncheon for "Honest Hal, the GI's Pal," is being held on Wednesday *** instead of Thursday, so that more people can be accommodated. So send or telephone your reservations to Club Headquarters at once to avoid possible disappointment.

***** COMING EVENTS *****

Thursday, February 15 -- A "Meet Your Armed Forces" cocktail party will be held on February 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, at the Clubrooms to welcome the top Public Information Officers in the Greater New York Area. Representatives of the Army, Navy and Air Forces will be present. Here is an opportunity to meet informally the best news sources in the area for information about our armed forces. Further details in next week's Bulletin.

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- OFFICIAL NOTICES -

Training Program Committee Meeting Clubrooms Thursday, February 8, 5:45 PM
Board of Governors Meeting Clubrooms Tuesday, February 13, 8:00 PM

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

Active: William J. Percival, Carl Byoir & Associates. China, 1944 to 1946, for the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times. Proposed by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.; seconded by CHARLES ROBBINS.

Seth Kantor, Sport Life Magazine. Pacific Theater, 1944 to 1946, as combat correspondent, U.S. Marine Corps. Proposed by BRUCE JACOBS, seconded by RALPH H. MAJOR, JR.

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The Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidates:

ACTIVE:

DAVID A. LOEWING, Foote, Cone & Belding
ELMER W. IOWER, Time & Life
WILLIAM H. McCALL, United Press
ALEXANDER MacDONALD, Bangkok Post
HAROLD K. MILKS, Associated Press
ALVIN Z. ROSENFELD, Free Lance

OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB ADOPTS NEW CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS

Added Membership Categories, Executive
Committee Are Among Innovations
In Document Approved Here

The Overseas Press Club membership on January 29 unanimously voted into existence a new Constitution and By-Laws, representing the first wholesale revision of the OPC's governing instrument since the Club was founded 12 years ago. At 8:45 PM, President LOUIS P. LOCHNER opened the Toots Shor's meeting to discuss the Constitution, prepared by the Committee on Constitutional Revision supervised by Vice President JOHN DALY.

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Following discussion of points in each of the Constitution's 13 Articles, and the 14 Articles in the By-Laws, the documents were approved section by section. All Members have printed copies of the Constitution and By-Laws, in which only minor changes were made at the meeting.

Among the significant changes was the addition, under Article I, of the phrase "a non-profit association", following the single sentence. It was also added under Article III that "no applicant...shall be excluded for reason of color, creed or race..."

The new Constitution calls for the establishment of two new membership categories, in addition to provisions relating to American journalists under the Guest Membership section. The new categories are for Sustaining Members -- owners, publishers, managing editors or chief executive officers of American information media, etc. -- and Armed Force Members, who may be public information officers assigned to Greater New York or its environs.

Two Club Officer posts were combined, when the membership voted the merger of the offices of Secretary-Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five was set up to take emergency action when the Board of Governors is not in session.

Other innovations in the Constitution include provisions that:

1. The Admissions Committee Chairman shall be elected by the Board of Governors from its membership.
2. Seven Governors constitute a quorum for Board meetings, while 35 or more Members shall comprise a quorum at the Annual and Semi-Annual meetings.
3. OPC Members outside New York may vote by secret mailed ballot at the Annual Meeting, according to detailed plans set down in the By-Laws.

President LOCHNER said the entire document, as well as certain disputed sections, will be reviewed by a three-man legal committee to assure the Constitution's complete legality.

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"COMPETITION KILLED VOLUNTARY CENSORSHIP", COLONEL ECHOLS TELLS CLUB

"Decentralized" Control, MacArthur PIO Says,
Now Working Satisfactorily on Combat Levels

"Voluntary censorship did work in principle. What killed it in practice was not a lack of cooperation by most correspondents, but competition among the wire services -- and not among the specials or radio people." That was the gist of What Col. Marion P. Echols, public information officer for General MacArthur, told an Overseas Press Club roundtable at the Clubrooms on January 26. The veteran PIO had accepted an OPC invitation following

..... instructions dispatched to the Club's
: PENTAGON SAID TO BE COMPLETING REVISION : Washington Liaison Committee asking re-
: OF MANUAL REGULATING WAR CORRESPONDENTS : presentation at any press conferences held
: : by the Colonel. Col. Echols, however, de-
: : cided to come to New York in person.
: A draft of a new manual for correspond- : Sketching the background of Far East
: ents, prepared by working pressmen, is : censorship, Col. Echols said a 24-hour
: being readied for final coordination and : "press advisory" committee was set up in
: release by Defense Department officials, : Tokyo. But this disintegrated after a
: according to Col. Marshall Newton, CO of : violation at Hungnam. (Commented DAVID
: the 1603rd Army Information Service Unit : DOUGLAS DUNCAN: "If a people's court of
: and New York Times assistant city editor. : correspondents could have been held, we
: Colonel Newton, who related the censor- : would have shot the so-and-so.")
: ship provisions recommended by his group : Reason for decentralization of security
: at the Col. Echols roundtable, later said : curbs, Echols said, were cross-ups between
: the draft his unit drew up is being in- : GHQ and lower commands. Therefore, MacArthur
: corporated into a brand-new field manual : placed authority in the hands of his sub-
: to regulate war correspondents and outline : ordinate commanders. Thus far, Echols be-
: censorship policy. : lieves, it has worked satisfactorily.
: Among members of the 1603rd AISU who : RICHARD J. H. JOHNSTON, New York Times,
: helped prepare the draft were JOHN D. : said there had been few squawks generally --
: LeVIEN and TED DEGLIN. A special OPC com- : "but how about that 8th Army penal code?",
: mittee also assisted with advice and re- : which he added, placed personal activities
: commendations. : as well as correspondents' copy under scrutiny. Echols replied that JOHNSTON was picking
: : one line from a 1942 or 1943 War Department manual which MacArthur's people had used as a
: : guide in drawing up their code.

Among those present at the Roundtable were WILLIAM P. GRAY of Life; DUNCAN, also of Life; JOHNSTON of the Times; and President LOCHNER. At the meeting were noted: BILL HETHERINGTON, LARRY BLOCHMAN, JOHN MARTINCO (Just back from Paris), BERT BRANDT, PAULA LeCLER, RALPH CHAPMAN, GRACE CONSON, HILDA LLODIO, CHARLES ROBBINS and SANFORD GRIFFITH.

So she can do some of her broadcasts from home, MARY MARGARET McBRIDE is having a studio built into her Central Park South duplex apartment...Manuscript of another BETTY BETZ teen-age book has just been placed in the hands of her publisher, Random House...Off on a week's vacation January 29 was EDWARD R. MURROW. He's due back on his regular show February 5...With the sale last week of People Today, the pocket-sized pix mag launched by Newsweek, editor ALLEN CHELLAS and a staff of six move over to the new owner, Hillman Periodicals, Inc.

The Overseas Press Club regrets to report the death on January 28 of HENRY ALBERT PHILLIPS, who collapsed and died in Stamford, Conn. while visiting a friend to celebrate his 70th birthday. PHILLIPS first went abroad in 1925 to interview foreign celebrities for Success magazine, after having worked for Metropolitan and Motion Picture magazines. In recent years he had been freelancing and, in 1949, published a book about South Africa called "Cape of Good Hope to the Mountains of the Moon".

OPC Headquarters would have been blown off the face of the earth, if a stunt arranged on January 23 by Newsday, Long Island tabloid, had been real. Reporters of the paper, to show the lack of preparedness to halt coastal infiltration on Long Island, landed an "atom Bomb" by an aircraft rescue raft. Then, they took the trunk supposedly containing the bomb to Manhattan, where it was planted in a dime locker -- right under Times Tower, where the OPC occupies a fourth-floor suite....

JOHN GUNTHER's newest bio, "The Riddle of MacArthur", just off the presses..... Past President BOB CONSIDINE is busily answering 7,000 letters. They inundated him after he asked listeners to his Saturday NBC news show, "Do people think we ought to keep troops in Korea or withdraw them?"...HAL LEHRMAN is on a fast two-day lecture tour through Pennsylvania and Ohio....

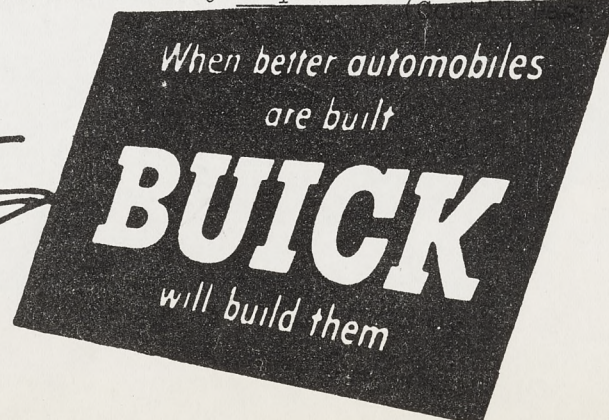
Wedding bells rang on January 27 for DOUG WERNER and Dorothy Johnson, publicity gal for Skilmills. Congratulations!....Have you sent in your bio copy for the "Who's Who in Foreign Correspondence"? If not, please rush it to OPC Headquarters at once...CHARLES and EUGENE JONES, twin cameramen for NBC-TV, have signed with Prentice-Hall for a book of pictures and text on the war in Korea. It's scheduled for summer publication...Another book, ROBERT S. HARPER's "Lincoln and the Press" comes off McGraw-Hill's presses February 9, with cover mention promised in the Saturday Reviews of Literature for February 10. Also, rumor has it that Collier's is considering a chapter...

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From Philadelphia comes news that local OPC Member CY PETERMAN of the Inquirer has been covering himself with glory. On January 20, the Continental Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, presented PETERMAN its Good Citizenship Medal at the annual dinner of the Society. President Walton Brand said PETERMAN's daily Inquirer column and his

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realistic reports on UN affairs were the most stirring journalistic items in this city in many a year...Then, not long ago, the Philadelphia Printing Craftsmen also gave CY an annual award. And, on February 9, he'll be honored again -- by the University of Pennsylvania Sphynx Society!

THE OVERSEAS TICKER

FRANKFURT DATELINE -- (Special to The Bulletin) --

With LARRY RUE, lunching here recently, was Hank Wales from the Chicago Tribune's Paris office, as well

as Art Noyes and Drew Middleton...Waldo Drake, Los Angeles Times, was re-elected president of the Frankfurt Press Club for 1951. Other officers elected included DON DOANE, AP, vice-president; ROBERT LUBAR, Time-Life, secretary; and John J. Christie, McGraw-Hill, treasurer..UP's Rome bureau manager Norman Montellier reported back from London...A typo slip in the January 11 Bulletin made Russ Jones, UP Frankfurt bureau chief, whereas, of course, he heads the Prague bureau...

HENRY TOSTI RUSSELL's youngest son, Ted Russell, for two years pix caption writer with Army Photo Service and formerly Acme London and Brussels, now transferred as photographer with Special Services; PIO in Nuremberg...Maggi and Jim Nolan (NY Herald Tribune, Paris bureau) due to sail for home in February to present new baby Cathy Elizabeth to grandparents...Newly arrived in Frankfurt is AP's Rene (Jack) Cappon, on his first trip to Europe from the New York cable desk...Acme's HAL CHURCH is off on a Scandinavian tour... Bill McClure, Pathe News, is transferring from Berlin to Frankfurt...

The New York Times is closing out all its overseas photographic coverage. Carl Gossett is leaving for the U.S. soon and HANK RIES is being transferred back to New York. The Times' Frankfurt news office is moving to Bonn to be closer to government affairs... ALLYN Z. BAUM, Acme Newspictures, only remaining U.S. agency photographer in West Germany, complains of harsh treatment by minor German officials, particularly in Bonn. He said complaints made after he was "pushed around" while trying to get coverage on the German Government resulted in photographers' being banned from current sessions at Petersburg, the Allied High Commission Headquarters in that area. His wife, Nan Robertson Baum, is due back in Berlin from a visit in the U.S. on February 1. Formerly of the Stars and Stripes, she is newly accredited to the Gary (Ind.) Post Tribune...

Renata, Berlin model and wife of GERHARD STINDT of "News of the Day" and NBC-TV, was recently a "cover girl" on Life magazine...ED KORRY on his way from Belgrade to replace Berlin UP bureau chief John McDermott, who is returning to the States on home leave and then being reassigned to South Africa...HELEN FISHER, late of Frankfurt bureau, replaces KORRY in Belgrade...Walt Rundel, UP Germany chief, leaves this week for leave in the U.S...

General Eisenhower had a chance to demonstrate his famed gallantry to women when he visited Germany recently. Arriving at the Rhine-Main airport, he found a group of some 40 press photographers awaiting him. Pretty, diminutive Betty Lueros Knorr, Chicago Tribune Sunday supplement correspondent, was the only woman photographer -- outnumbered and outweighed. She retired to the outskirts of the crowd. As Eisenhower passed her, however, he called out: "Just a minute, boys. Let the girl get a break". His associates, Commissioner McCloy and General Handy, obligingly moved aside, made way for Betty -- who

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snapped the three-some at her leisure.

Ann Moore, wife of Lyford Moore, ABC correspondent missing in Norway since December 11, is planning to take her children home to the U.S. shortly...ARTHUR SETTEL unhappy over German version of his book, "This is Germany", which was translated as "Das Ist Germany". Feels this was done to show the reader that the book reflects a foreigner's point of view. Correct translation, of course, should have been "Das Ist Deutschland"....

Stars and Stripes Roundup: Dwight Schear, Berlin bureau chief, transferred to Paris to cover SHAPE headquarters. Norb Ehrenfreund, rim-man, takes his place...S&S press club added James Quigley and Gene Lindsay, newly-arrived rim-men, to the new 1951 committee. - (DOROTHY N.S.RUSSELL).

Fast developing as a Far Eastern rumor center is Bangkok in Thailand. As with Lisbon during the war, Bangkok is attracting an international flood of Soviet and Allied agents, munitions salesmen and demi-monde characters from every nation...Arbitrary French censorship practices in Indo-China are angering foreign correspondents there. Recently they drafted a petition asking for more and fairer consideration...Big story is warming up in Austria, where reports have the Russians grooming an Austrian "police corps" similar to that in Berlin's Eastern zone...

Stars and Stripes and Yank alumni in Washington are still pushing for the Defense Department to set up a separate "Armed Forces Press Section" -- divorced from PIO and Information & Education -- to administer policies and activities of military newspapers, mags, press services and radio station. Not long ago they submitted a memo, recommending such action, signed by more than 50 S&S and Yank people. But the memo has snagged on red tape in the Pentagon's Personnel Policy Board. No action has been taken, but the ideas are "being considered."...

("Trends Today" is a new Bulletin feature devoted to reporting, at periodic intervals, policy trends in foreign correspondence and overseas news coverage. It will attempt to present guide posts to a more effective understanding of correspondents' problems, as well as occasionally to analyze drifts and changes in the world news picture. "Trends Today" does not, however, represent official OPC opinion. Contributions to this department are solicited from all Club Members.)

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LORD WILMOT DEFENDS
GREAT BRITAIN'S ROLE
IN UNITED NATIONS

"I am very much surprised", said Labor peer Lord Wilmot, before an OPC meeting at Toots Shor's on January 25, "to read and hear that the Americans believe the British are half-hearted or dragging their feet in the United Nations action in Korea." With that beginning, the accomplished British speaker then told the Club that "we have had conscription since 1940 -- a universal, with no exceptions -- and as of last June had 700,000 men under arms -- out of a population of 50 million."

Why don't the British have more troops in Korea? Lord Wilmot had the answer. "We have troops already in Germany, Egypt, the oil fields of the Near East, Hong Kong, Suez Canal, Malay and no small amount in Korea." He added that England cannot today afford to send more troops, and thus take a chance of weakening their position in Europe or the Near East. Likewise, it is up to the military to deploy troops to the best advantage.

Lord Wilmot said he fears a war in the Far East, where many troops could be bogged down, would play right into Moscow's hands. "We must keep our forces deployed," he said, and meet the enemy on ground that he does not always choose for himself."

"We have been closer to war than America" Lord Wilmot reminded his listeners, "and with the constant bombing of the last war, we know that we have to stay strong and steady. Great Britain is doing her part in the fight for freedom, as she has done from the very beginning, and will continue to do her share."

Among those present at the luncheon were H. V. KALTENBORN, WILLIAM ORMEROD, DEREK RUSSELL, JOSEF DINE and MAX RODEN.

The editor announces the appointment of DAVID SCHOENBRUN of Columbia Broadcasting System as Special Correspondent for The Bulletin in Paris. He replaces PRESTON GROVER, Associated Press, who resigned because of pressure of other duties.

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RALPH H. MAJOR, Jr. Editor

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